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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approved a centrally sponsored scheme on apparel parks for textile exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the said scheme is helpful to generate employment and to achieve export target;

(c) whether the Government had set $15 b export target during the year 2002-2003;

(d) if so, the extent to which it has been achieved during the above period;

(e) the share of Rajasthan in said export during the same period; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government for the development of textile industry in Rajasthan?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 595 for 02-05-2003

(a) & (b) Government has launched a centrally sponsored scheme titled `Apparel Parks for Exports Scheme`, with the following objectives:-

i) To give a focussed thrust for setting up of modern apparel manufacturing units of international standards, which will work as one-stop-shop for reputed international buyers.

ii) To give fillip to domestic production to meet competition from imports and to promote exports in this sector.

The detailed guidelines of the Scheme are available on Ministry of Textiles` website http://www.texmin.nic.in. Under the Scheme, Government of India assistance to the tune of 75% of the infrastructure development cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 10 crores. Besides, central assistance upto a maximum of Rs. 5 crores is available for setting up of an effluent treatment plant, creche/s, any multi purpose centre/hall for marketing /display etc and assistance to the tune of 50% subject to a maximum of Rs. 2 crores is available for the cost of any training facility created in the park.

The Apparel Parks set up under the scheme are expected to generate additionality in employment and exports.

(c) & (d) A target of US$ 15005 million has been fixed for textile products for the year 2002-2003. As per the latest available DGCIS export data, textile exports during the period April-December 2002 have amounted to US$ 8849.4 million; meaning thereby that 59% of the annual export target has been achieved during the first nine months.

(e) State-wise/Union Territory wise data is not centrally maintained.

(f) Government have been taking a number of measures for development of textile industry in the country, including state of Rajasthan. Some of the important initiatives are:-

i) The Government has de-reserved the woven segment of readymade garment from the SSI sector.It has also raised the SSI investment limit for knitted segment to Rs. 5 crores.

ii) The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) has been made operational from 1-4-1999 to facilitate the modernisation and upgradation of the sector.

iii) Weaving, processing and garment machinery, which are covered under TUFS, have been extended the facility of accelerated depreciation at the rate of 50%. Cost of machinery has also been reduced through Fiscal Policy measures.This further encourages modernisation.

iv) With a view to encouraging backward integration, the custom duty on shuttleless looms and other important textile machinery items has been brought down to 5%.

v) National Institute for Fashion Technology (NIFT), its six branches and Apparel Training & Design Centres (ATDCs) are running various courses/programmes to meet skilled manpower requirements of textile industry especially apparel in the field of design, merchandising and marketing.

vi) Facilities by way of eco-testing laboratories have been created to enable exporters to get the garments/textiles pre-tested for conforming to the requirements of importing countries.

vii) The Government has launched a centrally sponsored scheme titled `Apparel Park for Export Scheme` for imparting focused thrust for setting up of apparel manufacturing units of international standards at potential growth centres and to give fillip to exports.

viii) For upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centers, a scheme `Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS) has been launched.